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Subject: Re: Fw: Donlin Scoping Meetings

Mark -

I have consulted with Mike Lidgard, Teena Reichgott, and Michael Szerlog regarding your travel request for Cindi. As you know, this was not one of the trips we agreed to send EPA staff to during our conversation in early January, and we do not support sending anyone at this time. While it would be nice to attend to indicate an EPA presence and provide technical support, it is not something we can support right now with other competing priorities and with so much budget uncertainty. Also, it is important to note that we did send staff to more than one scoping meeting in different geographic areas and will continue to commit resources to the project.

Please let me or any of the managers know if you have questions or concerns.

Hanh

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Mark Jen---02/08/2013 09:10:31 AM---Hi Hanh, Thank you for the reminder. I have cc'd the appropriate Unit Managers regarding this addit

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Hi Hanh,

Thank you for the reminder. I have cc'd the appropriate Unit Managers regarding this additional ARE travel request. Have a great weekend.

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Mark,

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Per the funding request instructions, please include the appropriate Unit Managers in your request. I will coordinate with them and get back to you all next week.

Thanks, Hanh

Mark Jen---02/07/2013 06:04:22 PM---Hi Hanh, How are you doing?

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Hi Hanh,

How are you doing?

We are about midway through the public scoping meetings for the Donlin Gold Project. The first week, I travelled to Bethel, Aniak, and Crooked Creek (mid-Kuskokwim River area). In the second round of meetings, Tami was able to attend the meetings in Nunapitchuk and Akiak (Lower Kuskokwim River area). Unfortunately, due to bad weather, the meetings in Quinahagak and Kipnuk were rescheduled.

The meetings have been extremely useful as each community have different issues/concerns regarding the Donlin Gold project. When EPA is present at the scoping meetings, our visibility lets them know that their concerns/issues are important to us. The USFWS has not been present at these meetings, and their absence is definitely noticed by the communities. Aside from the State, EPA has been the only cooperating agency participating in these meetings.

The Corps is planning the next scoping meeting in McGrath (upper Kuskokwim River area) on February 15-16. This would be a great opportunity for Cindi to participate in the meeting since there may be questions regarding the Nixon Fork Mine, upstream from McGrath. Please see itinerary attached. There is no other Federal Cooperating Agency planning to participate in the McGrath scoping meeting. This would be a good opportunity for EPA to maintain our presence at the scoping meeting and to listen to their concerns/issues face to face.

The travel cost estimate is about \$800.00. Do we have any ARE travel money available for Cindi to attend this meeting?

[attachment "Donlin McGrath Travel Itinerary - Corps Team.docx" deleted by Hanh Shaw/R10/USEPA/US]

Thanks

Mark